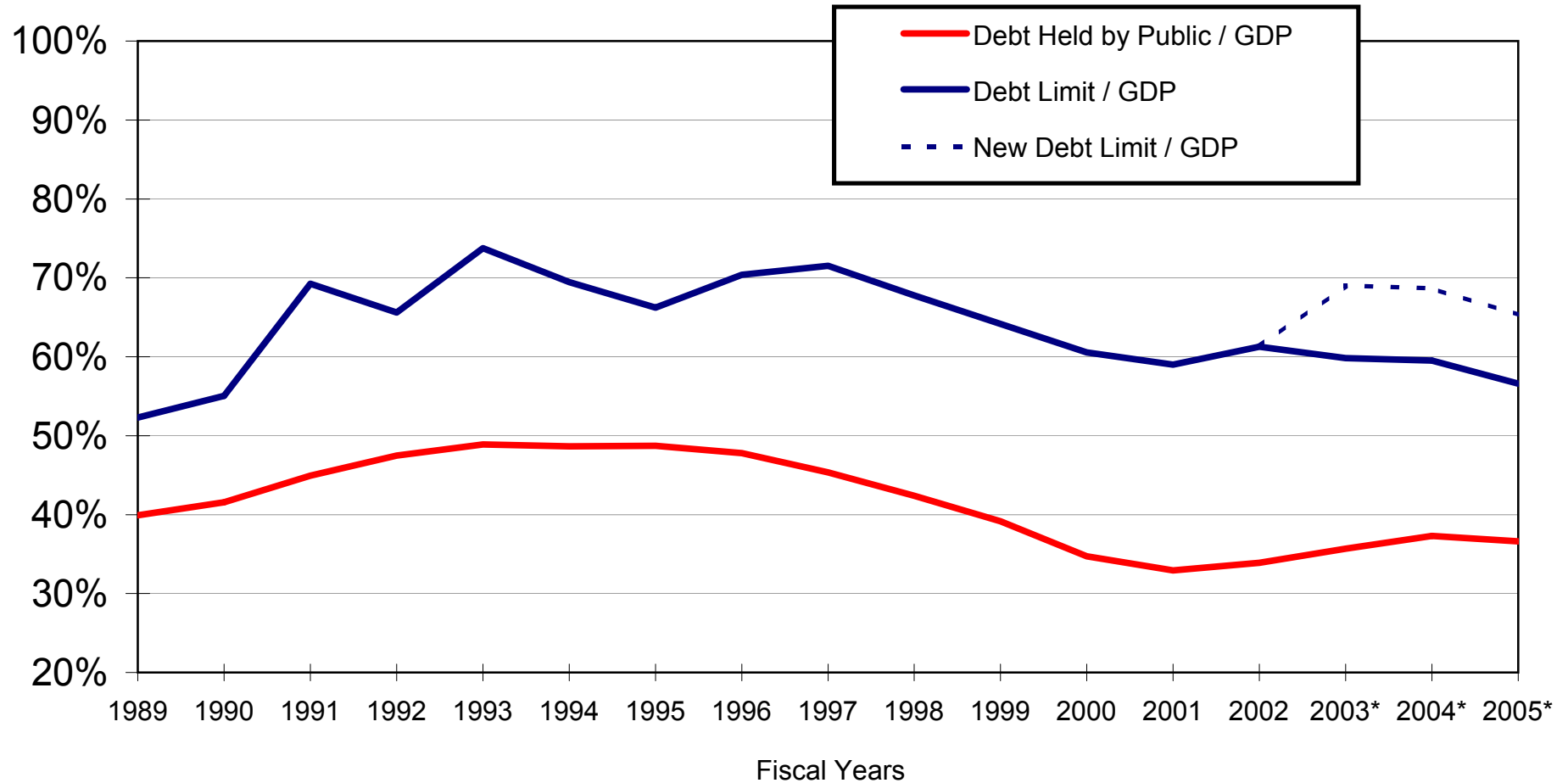


The Debt Limit: is it *really* growing?

The U.S. Debt Limit is a smaller percentage of GDP than during much of the 1990s



*Estimates

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